



## Baptism of the Lord

### Weekends

Saturday Vigil – 5:00 p.m.

Brazilian Mass – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday – 7:30, 9:00 Children's Liturgy and Choir,

10:30 a.m. with Adult Choir and 12:00 N

Spanish Mass – 5:00 p.m.

Brazilian Mass – 7:30 p.m.

### Weekdays

Monday through Saturday - 7:30 a.m.

Monday through Friday - 12:10 Noon

**(HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE)**

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday - 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

and by appointment

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must begin to make arrangements at least 8 months prior to their wedding date by contacting the Rectory.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Attendance at pre-Baptism class is required before the Sacrament is celebrated. Classes are held on the second Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. in the Rectory. Please pre-register by calling 203-743-2707. Baptisms will take place every Sunday at 1:15 p.m. except the second Sunday of the month.

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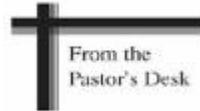
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### LATINO COMMUNITY

203-743-2707



JANUARY



9 SAT	5:00 PM †	Thomas Liddane
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
10 SUN	7:30 AM †	Luke Dempsey Frank
	9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM †	Mary Beth Garavel
	12:00 N †	Rosa Turning
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
11 MON	7:30 AM †	Mary Beth Garavel
	12:10 N †	Souls in Purgatory
12 TUE	<i>St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Ann Hines
	12:10 N †	Joseph O'Donnell
13 WED	<i>St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Robert Donovan
	12:10 N †	Rita Talarico
14 THU	7:30 AM †	Thomas Liddane
	12:10 N †	Frances and Americo Crescio
15 FRI	7:30 AM †	Ester Nunes de Brito
	12:10 N †	Lawrence Connor
16 SAT	7:30 AM †	Rev. Bernardo Rodriguez
	5:00 PM †	James Vulcano, Sr.
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
17 SUN	7:30 AM	Helen and John Edmond
	9:00 AM	Peace in Families
	10:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	12:00 N †	Vincent Casturani
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass

We leave the infancy narratives today to pick up with Our Lord's arrival on the public stage. Jesus leaves his "hidden life," as it is often called (hidden in the sense that we know nothing of it), and begins his public life. He leaves Nazareth, completes his retreat in the desert, and approaches St. John the Baptist where he is baptizing along the Jordan. At the Jordan, Jesus is manifested once again as God. The Father demonstrates that the Holy Spirit is upon Jesus visibly and His voice declares him His beloved Son. In the Office of the Readings for today, St. Gregory of Nazianzus says in a homily:

"Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him. John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water."

"Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice hears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God."

"Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received—though not in its fullness—a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Now that Christmas feasts are over, it is time to give you an update on the capital campaign, We Stand With Christ. I am very excited to tell you that we reached a total of \$1,006,000.00. I am most grateful to everyone who has contributed thus far. I know that Bishop Caggiano sent out thank you letters to everyone who has donated. I want and intend to personally express my gratitude myself, but December was not a good month for me. Besides Christmas stuff occupying a portion of my attention, I was not operating with all pistons firing. I decided since Christmas to wait now to the close of the campaign at the end of this month to send out my letter. With this total, our parish is realizing \$656,000, a truly significant amount, but not enough to cover all the repairs that our

Our weekly goal.....\$10,500  
 SACRIFICIAL GIVING—January 3, 2021.....\$ 7,335  
 Online-Giving—January 3, 2021 .....\$ 2,580  
 Shortfall.....\$ 585

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



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## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

church requires. Because of the generosity which I have witnessed, I think, and am hopeful, that we can attract more participation. I will use the three weeks remaining this month to make contact by letter and phone with parishioners whom we have not heard from. If you have not yet thought about joining the campaign, I hope you will give it some thought.

Additionally, we will hold the In-Pew for our Hispanic Community on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We should see some more gifts coming from that event.

Every year each parish fills out a statistical report. Carol is working on it now as it is due on Friday. I don't know if I have ever published in our bulletin some of the information that might interest you. I will do that knowing that the past year was not a normal one

—Fr. Mecca

### A Prayer for Hope and Peace (Loyola Press)

**Heavenly father, I am your humble servant,  
I come before you today in need of hope.  
I need hope for a calm and joyful future.  
I need hope for love and kindness.**

**I pray for peace and safety.  
Some say that the sky is at its  
darkest just before the light.**

**I pray that this is true, for today seems stormy and  
dim.**

**I need your light, Lord, in every way.**

**I pray to be filled with your light.  
Help me to walk in your light, and live  
my life in faith and service.  
In your name I pray, Amen.**

**Jer. 29:11 - "For I know well the plans I have in mind  
for you-oracle of the Lord-plans for your welfare  
and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope."**

—Mary Lou Torre, Pincipal

*We offer our condolences to the families of*  
**Rev. John Giuliani**  
**Virginia Drake**  
**Nettie Scapeccia**  
*who passed away last week.*



CREW Christmas and  
Three Kings Party

This past Sunday the teens in our high school leadership program (CREW) had their annual Christmas Party! Unfortunately due to the snow from a few weeks back, we had to cancel and move it to the new year! So we celebrated the Epiphany by honoring the Three Kings who journeyed to Bethlehem in search of Christ!

The teens in CREW work very hard throughout the year to help the parish. Some are involved in our religious education classes, some help when we make sandwiches for Dorothy Day & other service projects, while others help with some of our day to day small group work with the teens in our youth ministry programs!

I thank them all for their help, and I especially want to thank the many parishioners who help by praying for these young men and women!



—Michael Falbo, Youth Minister

### \*\*\*SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS\*\*\*



**Mission Statement: St. Peter School exists to provide a nurturing environment where students become Disciples of Jesus Christ, embrace the love of lifelong learning, and believe in the dignity of all people.**

**For information about registering your child at St. Peter School, please contact [zsolis@spsdanbury.org](mailto:zsolis@spsdanbury.org) or [mtorre@spsdanbury.org](mailto:mtorre@spsdanbury.org) or call the school office 203 - 748 - 2895. Registration for the 2021-2022 School year will begin in late January/Early February.**

**Our Gospel Value for January is Hope, and we share this prayer with you as we can all use a healthy dose of hope right now...**

**January 10, 2021**

2021Classes - We will remain on line via Zoom meetings until further notice. Please call the office 203-743-1048 if you do not receive the link for your child's class. Classes begin at 10:30 am, Sunday mornings.



First Communion Registration – Parents of students in First Communion Class II A&B must complete a registration form. Registration forms will be available for pick up on January 17 from 10:30 am – 12:00 noon. Please drive up to the door of St. Peter School on the Wooster Street entrance. We will be at the door to give out the forms. Please return forms by mail or at the rectory with the registration fee of \$50.00 cash or check made payable to St. Peter Religious Education. Registration forms must be returned by **February 7, 2021**.

January Class Schedule

January

10- Virtual Class- 10:30 am -11:15 am Lesson 11 due

13 - RCIA Parent Meeting 6:00 pm –  
please meet in St. Peter School

17 – NO CLASS

24 - Virtual Class- 10:30 am -11:15 am Lesson 12 due

31 - Virtual Class- 10:30 am -11:15 am (catch up on past due lessons)

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

**\*\*\*Diocesan News\*\*\***

Looking for a way to grow in faith as a family for 2021? Join with hundreds of other families from around the diocese every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. for the Sunday Family Rosary. Visit the websites for the diocese ([bridgeportdiocese.org](http://bridgeportdiocese.org)) or the Leadership Institute ([formationreimagined.org](http://formationreimagined.org)) and look for the praying hands at the top of the home page. If you and your family would like to volunteer to lead, follow the prompts to sign up for any Sunday you choose.

On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Letter, Motu Proprio “Aperuit illis,” establishing that “the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.” How familiar is your family with the Bible? Does the Bible have a place of prominence in your home? Join with families around the world on Sunday, January 24, 2021 for *Sunday of the Word of God*, established by Pope Francis. Visit [www.formationreimagined.org](http://www.formationreimagined.org) for a simple ceremony you can use at home to enthrone your Bible. Be sure to also join The Family Bible Challenge, now in its eighth season and used by families all over the country to grow in their knowledge of Sacred Scripture.

January 10, 2021

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*Thank you, St. Peter Parishioners—*

*Thank you for the wonderful work you did to bring joy to the residents of Renewal House on Christmas. We know that this past year has been challenging for so many people. The kindness and generosity of the St. Peter's community is an inspiration.*

*Our thanks to you for helping to sustain our work and for being a long-time partner in our success. We continue to be grateful for your support.*

*With best regards,*

*Janice Wiggins, Executive Director*

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*Thank you for the turkey and food basket at Thanksgiving. Love, Jackie and Deneen*

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*Thank you to all at St. Peter Church for being there in my hour of need and taking care of me when I was down. It is right to give thanks to all those who have been charitable to you in this life of many challenges. Churches have been around helping people for centuries and those raising families. Let's hope the light will shine for them. God Bless, Lindsay Steel*

### **COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO**

#### **Información**

Mi página: [www.catolicosdigitales.org](http://www.catolicosdigitales.org). Visítenla, por favor. Les será de gran provecho

#### **Bautizos**

Cuartos Domingos de cada Mes. Contacten con Ana Espinal para el formulario y la información sobre la clase pre-bautismal.

#### **Bodas**

Deben contactar con el oficina parroquia al menos con 6 meses de antelación. Es necesaria la preparación requerida por la Diócesis.

#### **Horario de Oficina**

De Lunes a Viernes, de 1:30 p.m. a 3:30 p.m. En español pregunten por Ana Espinal.

#### **Intenciones Misa dominical**

En el vestíbulo de la Iglesia, 15 minutos antes de la Misa, puede pedir su intención al servidor allí apostado.

#### **Grupo de Oración**

7:00 p.m. en la iglesia San Pedro Dirigente Jorge Ordonez 914-760-5545.

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